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## Hit the road, Jack!



Two 'deuces,' operated by Staff Sgt. Ronaldo Reyter (left), 1st squad leader, and Spc. Chad Musil, work to create an earthen ramp out of a riverbed on the road to Fire Base Wolverine. See story on page 4. (Photo By Pfc. Vincent Fusco, 20th Public Affairs Detachment)

## Resourcing post is top priority for IMA-E director

Story and photo by Diana Bahr  
*Outlook Editor*

"We are in the process now of reviewing the programs that we're establishing in terms of master planning in the Vicenza area," said Russell Hall, Installation Management Agency-Europe director, during a recent visit to Caserma Ederle.

"What we're looking at – in terms of a modular brigade in the SETAF organization – is ensuring that the future footprint of Vicenza is adequately resourced in terms of building the requirements. This way we can get back into the Department of the Army, which will, in turn, go through Office of the State Department and Congress, to resource our needs down here."

Hall made the most of his limited time on post, touring the Davis Family Readiness Center where he was briefed on logistical

support provided by the 22nd Area Support Group, and attending a roundtable session with Army Community Service staff members. After lunch at the South of the Alps Dining Facility with key staff, Hall visited several facilities, including the fitness center, the Body Shop and the new Child Development Center, which is opening soon.

"You are setting the standards," Hall said to Jeff Leedy, Community Recreation chief, as they walked through the Body Shop. Hall explained to the staff that soon – using the Standard Garrison Organization template – Soldiers and their families, along with civilians, will know that they can expect the same quality, consistency and predictability in service delivery when they PCS from one post to another. All these garrisons will have the exact identical structure, in terms of programs and divisions within the garrison, according to Hall. Each one then will be

'right-sized' in terms of the number people running your facilities, based on the footprint, he said.

"Our soldiers are the benchmark of our society," he said. "They do our bidding in protecting our society. We, as an Army, are a married institution. We didn't grow up that way; we've evolved that way, as a volunteer force, and a volunteer force that is predominantly married."

What comes from that is a responsibility to take care of those families, said Hall. "We will provide them with a wholesome place to live, good family programs, a good community to live in and to raise their children. Because remember, our soldiers come right from the society that they are sworn to defend, and they should have the same programs and services and potential for growth and well-being as the constituents whom they defend."

Hall's final meeting of the day was a master planning briefing where he was updated on the vision of Caserma Ederle's future and proposed building projects geared to meet that vision.

"We should see a growth here on Caserma Ederle, because we're going to grow to a modular brigade," said Hall. "We're going to have another CDC; we'll have another fitness center and we'll have our bowling center expanded. So as we build these facilities, and we grow to expand the needs of our constituents, we will need the right people and staffing to man them."

What I am seeing down here in Caserma Ederle is a well-seasoned, well-run organization, said Hall. Our families should be pleased to know that they've got quality leaders and quality staff at the helm, running this operation, and taking care of them. They can always count on them, 24-7, to be here to support them, especially during this time of deployment.

## IACS is coming

Office of the Provost Marshal  
*Press Release*

The 22nd Area Support Group is currently registering DoD ID cards into the Installation Access Control System. The IACS office is also issuing USAREUR and USAFE installation passes for non-American employees who may require access onto installations in Germany.

USAREUR/USAFE installation passes for non-American employees will be issued on a voluntary basis using AE Form 190-16A, dated March 2005.

DoD ID card holders will be registered at the Golden Lion Bldg 311, and non-American employees will be registered at the IAC office located in Bldg 4b. DoD ID card holders need to bring their current ID card. Soldiers and civilians who possess the first generation Common Access Card should check to see if the bar code on the back of their card is legible. If it cannot be scanned, the cardholder will have to get a new card made before registering in IACS.

The new CAC card is laminated on back and front. Installation pass holders will need their current pass and authorization from their sponsoring organization to register on a voluntary basis only. Access for retirees, former military members and others with some connection to the Army will be handled on a case-by-case basis at the IAC office. The summer months will see a transition period which there will be hands on checks, access rosters, and sign-in procedures continued along with IACS controlled access.

The changeover date to IACS-only entry is expected to be about Aug. 15. For more information regarding IACS contact Laurel Lang at 634-8807 or Staff Sgt. Robert Word at 634-8521.



Jeff Leedy (left), Community Recreation chief, talks to Russell Hall, Installation Management Agency-Europe director, at the fitness center pool during Hall's visit to Caserma Ederle June 30.



# Emergency procedures for calling an ambulance on or off post

Office of the Provost Marshal  
Press Release

Below are procedures to call ambulance service to locations on and off post. In **ALL** cases, the best way to summon ambulance support is to **call** the Caserma Ederle Military Police desk.

The MP desk sergeant and on-duty interpreter will ensure the requested ambulance is dispatched to your location in the most expedient fashion.

## Off post procedures

In the event you need an ambulance at a residence off post **call** the MP desk at 0444-71-7626 or toll-free at 800-064-077. The individual calling need only provide the name of the resident.

The MP desk sergeant will look the name up on the housing list provided by the 22nd ASG Housing Office, and will then dispatch the ambulance accordingly.

## On post procedures

If an ambulance is needed on post, **call** the MP desk at 114 or 634-7626. In accordance with the 22nd ASG Provost Marshal Office standard operating procedures, the MP desk will ensure the ambulance is called, and then direct a MP patrol to the appropriate gate to provide an escort for the ambulance.

During a recent incident, valuable time was wasted at the gate by MP personnel attempting to validate the request for an ambulance.

Precious time was wasted by the MP because of the lack of prior notification from the MP desk sergeant.

A review of the incident revealed the individual called the (118) Italian operator directly and requested the ambulance without notifying the MP desk sergeant. Thirty seconds wasted at the gate is too long.

**Please call the MP desk sergeant whenever an emergency occurs.**

# DoD changes Emergency Data form

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

Two recent sad cases highlight the need for servicemembers to designate who should receive their remains if they are killed in action.

DoD has changed the Record of Emergency Data Form - the DD From 93 - to require servicemembers to designate exactly who should be declared the "person authorized to direct disposition" of remains.

The change grew out of the cases of a Soldier and a Marine killed in Iraq earlier this year. In both cases, the men – both unmarried – had not designated a person authorized to direct disposition, and their parents were divorced.

"The tragedy of loss in the two cases was

compounded for the surviving parents because neither one was granted sole custody of the service member when they were divorced," said John M. Molino, the deputy undersecretary of defense for military community and family policy, in a letter to two members of the House of Representatives.

The services went with long-standing rules. In these cases, the older parent received the remains. In the Soldier's case, burial waited weeks until a court ruled on the situation. The Marine's case is still being argued.

Servicemembers could always volunteer the information on persons authorized to direct disposition of remains. The change will make that information mandatory.

# Becoming best friends with God

*The 22nd Area Support Group Chaplain's Family Life Office, in partnership with deployed SETAF and 173rd Airborne Brigade chaplains, is writing a series of devotional articles based on the best-selling book, "A Purpose Driven Life," by Pastor Rick Warren.*

*The intent of these articles is to offer deployed soldiers and their family members a devotional meditation which you can use for weekly discussion and to hopefully deepen your spiritual connection during the separation.*

**By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Robert Guy**  
22nd ASG Chaplain Office

*"Since we were restored to friendship with God by the death of His Son while we were still His enemies, we will certainly be delivered from eternal punishment by His life."*

– Romans 5:10  
(New Living Translation)

Most of us can think of a person who we can call our best friend. A person that we can share our inner thoughts, feelings, struggles and dreams with.

It is an awesome thought to know that God wants to be our best friend. A wonderful truth found in scripture is that God has taken the initiative to restore us into a close personal relationship with Himself through our faith in Jesus Christ.

The apostle Paul writes to the Corinthians "all this is done by God, who through Christ changed us from enemies into friends." 2 Corinthians 5:19 (Today's English Version)

Our Heavenly Father not only wants to establish a relationship with us, but He wants that relationship to grow.

We can deepen that relationship in

three ways: Through prayer, our personal study of God's word, and meditating on the truths we find in scripture.

It is important to understand that prayer is simply conversation with God. It can be as simple as talking to a friend standing next to us.

Rev. Warren writes about Brother Lawrence's concept of "breath prayers." Breath prayers are simple phrases that we can pray anywhere and anytime.

Such phrases as "You are with me." "I receive your grace." "I am depending on you." "Help me trust you."

We can even pray the scriptures, "For me to live is Christ." (100-101)

One of the purposes of God's word is to show us the nature and person of God. If we are to develop our relationship with Him, we must develop a daily habit of reading and studying the Bible to see what He desires of us in keeping a healthy relationship with Him.

Also, we must meditate on God's word. The Psalmist proclaims, "Oh how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long." Psalm 119:97 (New International Version)

"I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds." Psalm 77:12 (New International Version)

Biblical meditation is thinking about the truths of scripture and how they apply to our lives.

It is an awesome thought that God wants to have a relationship with us, to be our best friend.

Therefore, it is important for us to nurture our relationship with Him through prayer, study of His word, and meditation on the truths found in scripture. The practice of such disciplines will make us wise unto salvation and to experience God's peace and presence every day.

# Community Action Council

This forum is to discuss issues that affect the community.

If you have an issue that you wish to submit, visit the 22nd Area Support Group Web site at [www.22asg.vicenza.army.mil](http://www.22asg.vicenza.army.mil) and click on the Community Action Council link.

This link provides you the opportunity to review issues that have been previously submitted and responded to by post agencies. There is also a form available for you to submit any new issue you would like addressed. If you have questions, call 634-5222 or 0444-71-5222 from off post.

The command encourages you to identify yourself when submitting a CAC issue in order to be able to answer your concern directly.

Childcare is offered during the CAC at \$2.50 per hour, per child for children ages 6 weeks through kindergarten from 8:45-11:15 a.m. Preregistration is required. Children will be cared for in the Child Development Center, Building 395. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services Central Registration.

Call 634-7219 or stop by their new location in Davis Family Readiness Center.

The next CAC is July 27 at 9 a.m. in the Ederle Theater.

**Issue:** *Some Soldiers who wanted to buy their 173rd Airborne Brigade and SETAF brothers floral funeral arrangements were given a quote, ON POST, of 2,100 Euros.*

*For the same product, off post, they paid only 400 Euro, AND the off-post establishment even sent additional flowers and condolences.*

*Yet on post, these Soldiers were told that the flower shop didn't give "grievance" discounts – or discounts of any type. If the post is going to provide a service from a vendor, with a profit margin, then the service should match what we can get off post.*

**Response from AAFES:** We would like to apologize for any inconvenience and irritation this situation could have caused especially during emotional times like this.

The AAFES flower shop concession program was established to provide the best quality at the best price.

The average savings to the customer should reflect a 20 percent savings from downtown stores.

Our average surveys consist of single flowers and basic arrangements.

The arrangement requested was not a basic arrangement, as it had a lot of details, therefore an estimate would have to be calculated differently.

The flowers used in the compositions could have been different in type and quantity. The price difference could have been dictated by these two factors along with the man hours used to complete the work.

Please contact an AAFES manager as soon as possible should you encounter such disparity or poor service in the future.

In respect for our soldiers the AAFES flower shop did contribute flower baskets for the ceremony.

For any inquiries or suggestions feel free to send an e-mail to [rakasg@aafes.com](mailto:rakasg@aafes.com).

**Issue:** *Is it possible to have the Housing office install burglar alarms for government-leased housing off post? I think many of us would feel safer if we had alarms like many of the Italian homes have.*

**Response from Directorate of Public Works:** The purchase and installation of individual government leased housing units burglar alarm systems is cost prohibitive.

Our rough estimate to accommodate our current inventory of more than 400 family housing units is approximately \$700,000.

Before we enter into a government lease, an extensive survey is performed to ensure basic occupant security can be assured.

Additional enhancements such as security lighting and motion sensors have been installed in some locations where warranted.

Additionally, the Department of Defense in the Joint Federal Travel Regulation (JFTR), Appendix N, table I, does not consider Italy to be considered an area of significant exposure to terrorist and/or criminal threat and therefore does not authorize the payment of Move In Housing Allowance (MIHA) for this purpose.

There are no plans at this time to pursue this initiative.

**Issue:** *I pay my bills through the payment service provided by BNL bank and am charged a fee for this service.*

*However, BNL takes a long time to transmit the payment to utility companies- or sometimes doesn't even transmit the payment at all, resulting in utilities suddenly being cut-off without adequate notice.*

*If BNL is charging a fee for this service, than the least they can do is transmit the payment within a reasonable timeframe verses two weeks later, or, in some cases, never!*

**Response from Detachment B, 208th Finance Battalion:** If the customer has a

bank account from which utility payments are automatically drawn, 15 days after BNL receives the bill from the utility company is when the bill is paid (this waiting period was determined by an agreement between BNL and the utility companies).

However, if the customer does not have sufficient funds in the account to pay the bill, the bill is returned to the utility company as unpaid and the responsibility then falls on the customer.

To pay the bill, the customer must go to BNL and present sufficient funds as well as the request to have BNL pay the bill.

If the customer walks into the BNL lobby to pay his or her utility bill at the cashier's window, the payment is done in real time – or other words, the utility company is paid immediately once the cashier completes the payment transaction.

**Issue:** *The water has been moved from the entrance of the commissary. This doesn't make sense. People should be able to get their water first so they don't have to set it upon their other groceries.*

*If there is a problem with people paying for water and then picking up extra water when they leave, then the commissary should simply not allow anyone to get any water that isn't in the cart when they checkout.*

**Response from Defense Commissary Agency:** Due to pilfering, and as a security precaution, the water was moved to the queuing line in front of the check stands.

The patron can pick the water up as the last item or have the bagger retrieve it for them.



# Survey seeks employee input in shaping civilian personnel system

By Donna Miles  
American Forces Press Service

Civil service employees who will soon come under the new National Security Personnel System have another opportunity to help shape the program.

The new National Security Personnel System Factor Survey gives General Schedule employees the chance to register their views about several performance factors identified for inclusion in the new personnel system.

“Now we need your assistance to ensure that these performance factors are relevant and reflect work that you personally perform on your job,” Acting Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England wrote in a June 29 memo to DoD civilian employees.

England emphasized the

importance of the survey in his memo. While stressing that participation is voluntarily, he urged civil service employees to participate.

“I thank you for your feedback and participation in the NSPS design process thus far,” he wrote. “We still need your help.”

The survey period began July 6 and continues through July 20.

Charles Abell, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, urged employees to take the 15 or 20 minutes required to complete the online survey to ensure that their views are known.

Views expressed in the survey will have long-term implications, Abell said during an interview July 6 with the Pentagon Channel. The results will help program implementers determine what

factors will be used to evaluate employees’ job performance for the next 15 or 20 years, he said.

“It’s an opportunity for (employees) to have a voice in the system that they are going to be living under and to make sure that we get it right,” said Mary Lacey, program executive officer for the National Security Personnel System.

“And we want to get it right,” Lacey said. “We want to hear what employees have to say, and we want them to be a part of our design process.”

Lacey said system designers are particularly interested in hearing from civil service employees who have been part of DoD personnel demonstration programs. “They bring to the table real experience in a system that has National Security Personnel System-like features,”

she said. “So we think their input will be incredibly valuable.”

Meanwhile, progress continues in putting the new personnel system in place. The current goal is to publish the final regulations in the Federal Register by summer’s end and begin bringing the first employees into the system by the end of the fiscal year, Lacey said. However, she stressed, the implementation schedule will be “event-driven,” and “we are not going to take certain steps until we are ready.”

Once in place, the new personnel system is expected to benefit the Defense Department and its civilian employees alike by doing away with outdated, bureaucratic policies.

“DoD is a dynamic institution,” Abell said. “Our mission has changed, our focus has changed, and this will allow the civilian-

employee workplace to change with that changing mission and changing focus of our leadership.”

One of the system’s key features is a pay-for-performance plan that rewards and recognizes individual performance and contributions.

The new system also will enable employees to get more involved in their individual career development, with broad pay bands and occupational groupings giving them more flexibility to shape their careers, Lacey said.

The result, Abell said, will be a workplace that’s “more productive (and more) efficient, with our jobs aligned with our mission.”

“Once the system is implemented, DoD ought to be a happier place to live and work,” he said.

## New housing allowance guidelines won’t result in pay cut

By Sgt. Sara Wood  
American Forces Press Service

Defense officials are eliminating the “geographic rate protection” clause that ensures servicemembers moving to a new area receive the same housing allowance as those already living there.

Geographic rate protection is expiring in January because Basic Allowance for Housing rates have reached a level where service members no longer have to pay out-of-pocket expenses for housing, said Air Force Col. Virginia Penrod, DoD director of military compensation.

Any rate cut from year to year will not negatively affect service members who are remaining in the area where they already receive BAH, she noted.

Penrod stressed that the BAH rate is set at the average housing cost for the area. Rates are further set based on military rank, with each pay-grade level having a set acceptable standard of housing.

Servicemembers may still have

to pay some out-of-pocket expenses if they choose to live above that level. Conversely, if service members choose to live below the average level, they will still receive the same BAH rate.

Troops still have “individual rate protection” as long as they stay within the same geographic area. If average housing costs in a given geographic area go down, troops already living in that area continue to receive the higher amount. However, troops moving into that area receive the lower amount.

Geographic rate protection was a temporary protection put into effect to prevent troops of the same pay grade living in the same area from getting different amounts of housing allowance.

Rate protection was instituted in 2000 to ensure troops’ BAH rates were the same among like-pay grade individuals living in the same area while troops were still paying part of their own housing expenses, Penrod explained. Now that BAH rates are high enough to cover

servicemembers’ entire housing expenses, geographic rate protection isn’t necessary, she said.

“It was a short-term program,” she said. “We always had in our minds that we would eliminate the protection once the out-of-pocket (expenses) went to zero.”

Under the new BAH guidelines, a servicemember moving to a new area will receive the appropriate BAH rate for that area, regardless of whether troops already living there are receiving a higher rate, she said.

This change makes financial sense, Penrod said. “We’re adjusting rates to where they should be,” she said.

Each year, BAH rates are adjusted with input from military housing offices in the area, Penrod said. If it is determined the rate needs to be increased, all servicemembers living in that area will receive the increase.



## Deployed Soldier wins art contest

By Arthur McQueen  
USAREUR Public Affairs

The winners of the Land Combat Expo Art Contest will receive congratulations and cash prizes from U.S. Army, Europe Commanding General, Gen. B.B. Bell at the LCE here in September.

The keen competition drew more than 50 high-quality entries, from which judges selected 11 winners in four categories: Soldiers, Department of Defense civilians, family members older than 13, and retirees.

Judges representing the University of Maryland Graphics Department; DODDS-Europe Art Department; IMA-Europe Arts and Crafts; and USAREUR headquarters selected first- through third-place winners, with prizes of

\$1,000, \$750, and \$500 respectively.

USAREUR senior leaders screened each winning entry and selected the overall winner. The artwork will appear on posters, advertisements, and programs for the Expo. The “grand prize” award earned the overall winning artist, Capt. Tom Krupp, another \$1,000 to add to the \$1,000 he won for first place in his category. Krupp is deployed to Iraq with 1st Corps Support Command, home based at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Winners in each category are:

**Soldiers:** First place – Krupp; second place – Staff Sgt. Daniel Montano, B Company, 47th Forward Support Battalion, Baumholder; third place – Spc. Jesus Perez-Rodriguez, USAREUR G1, Heidelberg.

**DoD civilians:** First place – William J. Keller, Ramstein; second place – James C. Corrigan, Heidelberg; third place – Mary K. Myers, Vilseck.

**Family Members, 13 and older:** First place – Mary Ann Logsdon, Bamberg; second place – Debbie Fulton, Heidelberg; third place – David C. Dowty, Stuttgart.

**Retirees:** First place – retired Master Sgt. Andrew Washington, Heidelberg; second place – retired Sgt. Maj. John Provan, Florida.

Provan said he entered the contest from his home in Florida after hearing about it from friends. After learning of his second-place finish, he wrote in an e-mail, “To say I was surprised would be putting it mildly. I was elated, and very proud.”

### Vicenza Dental clinic treatment information

The Vicenza Dental Clinic will be receiving reserve dentists to help out until the new dentists arrive on post.

If for some reason a family member cannot get an appointment and would like to go off-post for dental treatment, they will need to go to the Tricare Service Center (Room 160) in the Vicenza Health Clinic to get a statement of non-availability.

Packets are available for clients to fill out for reimbursement.

Overseas reimbursement is 100 percent for everything except prosthetics (I crowns, dentures).

However, clients must be enrolled in the United Concordia Tricare Dental Program to be reimbursed.

The Vicenza Dental Clinic has a list of local dental clinics that have been visited by the command. This list is located in the waiting room, or ask the front desk personnel at the dental clinic and they will assist you.

### Postcards from Afghanistan

**From:** Sgt. Maj. Kevin Sharkey  
**Unit:** HHC, 2nd Bn, 503d Infantry Brigade (ABN)  
**Where:** Kandahar

**“To my wife, Scarlett: I’m enjoying the poeple of Afghanistan. I miss you a lot, see you soon. All my love, Kevin.”**

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# Soldiers make molehills out of mountains

Story and photos  
By Pfc. Vincent Fusco  
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FORWARD OPERATING BASE LAGHMAN, Afghanistan – The Soldiers of 173rd Combat Support Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Brigade (Airborne) are working to build the road to Forward Operating Base Sweeny, a total distance of 84 kilometers, over the next four months.

The road currently isn’t accessible by jingle trucks (carts or vehicles that have an assortment of bells on them, thus the ‘jingle’) or 18-wheeled vehicles, so the Soldiers of the 173rd will be laying down gravel on the dirt path.

“The theory is that the trucks can still drive on the road when it rains,” said Army 1st Lt. Greg Couterier, Assault and Barrier Platoon leader.

In early June, the paratroopers temporarily paved the road from Qalat to Fire Base Wolverine by smoothing out rough areas of dirt with deployable universal combat earth-movers.

The road to Sweeney runs through Wolverine and the Dab Pass, and connects Shinkay to Qalat and 16 towns in between.

“The last time that road was built was 35 years ago by the Russians,” said Couterier. “They’re [the local citizens] really happy to have us fixing the road.”

Once the road is made safe enough for commercial traffic, a convoy of 98 jingle trucks will bring the materials needed to pave the entire length of the road.

“This road is important because the area is nearly inaccessible in the winter,” said Couterier. “This road will help resupply FOB Sweeny and beyond.”

Once the road is finished, it will become a viable military and civilian route of travel.

Currently, there are Afghan National Army Soldiers stationed at a compound next to the Wolverine site who assist in the construction project.



Above: A Deployable Universal Combat Earth-mover (Deuce) smooths out part of the road to Fire Base Wolverine.

Below: Staff Sgt. Ronaldo Reyter, 1st squad leader, directs Pfc. Gregory Caton on how to smooth out an area of the road leading to Fire Base Wolverine in early June.



“We’re going to have the Afghan National Police set up checkpoints around the city and help spread the word to the people,” said Couterier. “The ANA will provide additional security for the area.”

The Wolverine site is expected to be completed by September.

## Award ceremony honors Soldiers, civilians

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SETAF hosted an award ceremony Thursday for members of the community.

Presenting the awards was Maj. Gen. David Zabecki, SETAF Rear Detachment commanding general

The following individuals were presented with awards:

Purple Hearts: Staff Sgt. Charles Wilson and Spc. Aaron Pace

Army Commendation Medal: Col. Mark Oswald, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

22nd Area Support Group Commanders Award for Civilian Service: Alex Palomo

Army Achievement Medal: Staff Sgt. John Lamora, Sgt. Andrew Lee, Spc. John Jorgensen, Spc. Daniel Wills, and Pfc. Dustin Barlow.

Years of Service Awards: Patsy Creighton - 25 years, Vittorio De Boni - 25 years, Robert Gosciewski - 20 years, and Alva Norwood Jr. - 20 years.

Scrolls of Appreciation: Giorgio Bortolan, Maurizio Campesan, Claudio Chinotto, Ottorino Peruzzo, Cera Serafino, and Galvan Tullio.



Staff Sgt. Charles M. Wilson (left) receives his Purple Heart from Maj. Gen. David Zabecki, SETAF Rear Detachment commanding general, during a ceremony held Thursday.

Wilson was a Food Service sergeant in the 316th Field Artillery, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, and was deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom 1.

Wilson was wounded while performing a routine fuel resupply mission. During an electrical outage, a round came into Camp Warhorse injuring three soldiers. Wilson received an injury to the front left shoulder, was treated locally, then sent to Balad for further treatment, and then returned to his unit.

Wilson arrived from Fort Hood in February and is assigned to the Supply Division of G4. His wife, Staff Sgt. Nicole Wilson arrived in April and is the DFAC manager. They have two children. (Photo by Barbara Romano, Visual Information specialist, 7th ATC)



Spc. Aaron Pace (right), 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Support Company, receives his Purple Heart from Maj. Gen. David Zabecki, SETAF Rear Detachment commanding general, during a ceremony Thursday.

Pace was wounded during a patrol May 10 while supporting Battle Company, 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry Brigade (Airborne). When the patrol crested a ridge in route to search a village, they started taking small arms fire.

Pace was shot in his left foot when trying to take cover. Battle Company kept the enemy suppressed until close air support arrived and cleared the area.

A native of Bentonville, Ark., Pace joined the Army in August 2003. He enlisted to be a combat engineer, and a paratrooper. Vicenza is his first duty station, and Afghanistan was his first deployment. He and wife, Genevieve, were married Nov. 26, 2003. (Photo by Paolo Bovo, Visual Information specialist, 7th ATC)

## Buckeyes put maintenance skills to good use



COL Donald Drummer (in Desert Camouflage Uniform), 22nd Area Support Group commander, recently presented certificates of appreciation and commander's coins to members of the Ohio Army National Guard who were conducting their annual overseas deployment training at Caserma Ederle from June 12 through July 2. While at the installation the Guardsmen worked in several locations for the Directorate of Logistics such as the Supply Support Activity, Installation Material and Maintenance Activity, 22nd Motor pool, and the 13th Military Police motor pool. Several members assisted with projects at Aviano Air Base and Camp Darby in Livorno providing maintenance support, welding support, and supply and logistical support. (Photo courtesy of 22nd ASG Directorate of Logistics)

## ‘Military Idol’ opens competition for vocalists

By Tim Higgs  
U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center

So you think you’ve got what it takes to be the next Carrie Underwood or Bo Bice? Maybe you voted for Fantasia or Ruben Studdard.

“Military Idol” will give military members a chance to sing their songs like their American Idol predecessors on 34 Army installations around the world this summer.

Performers have until July 22 to get involved in the competition based on the principles of Fox television’s “American Idol” show. Local Military Idol competition will begin Aug. 1 and continue through Sept. 30. The finals week is set for Oct. 17 through 22, when local winners will compete at Alexander Hall on Fort Gordon, Ga.

Could you be the first Military Idol? Eligible contestants must be on active duty military status assigned to the local hosting

installation, including members of all branches of service assigned on the installation.

Active duty soldiers not assigned to the installation where they will compete also are eligible, but they must provide their own transportation. Only vocalists need apply, we are not looking for musicians, jugglers, etc.

Installation-level prizes include \$500 and temporary duty costs covered to compete in the Armywide finals for the first-place winner, along with \$500 in unit funds. Second-place performers will receive \$500, and third-place performers will receive \$250.

Overseas contest sites include Hohenfels, Wurzburg, Baumholder, Heidelberg, Weisbaden, Bamberg, Hanau, Ansbach and Darmstadt, in Germany.

Complete rules of the contest are available at [www.armymwr.com/portal/recreation/promotions/#idol](http://www.armymwr.com/portal/recreation/promotions/#idol)



# Camp Adventure is the place for fun, learning

By Jessica Boydston  
Outlook Staff

With school out and summer in full swing, many children in Vicenza are busy now making new friends and adding to their lifetime of memories at Camp Adventure.

This year almost 60 children – from first through fifth grades – are attending the annual summer camp each week.

The camp is divided into four groups: Rock Stars (ages 7-8), Wolves (ages 8-9), Dolphins (ages 9-10), and the Wild Things (ages 10-12). Each group participates in different activities at different times except on field trip days when they all travel together.

While Camp Adventure’s main goal is providing fun things for children to do, it can also be a learning experience and a chance for youngsters to get out and try a variety of new and exciting activities.

Every week the students embark on a field trip where they’ll travel to an amusement park like Gardaland or to an indoor swimming complex like Bengodi.

Closer to home, trips to the fitness center and Ederle Inn pools, as well as visits to the Ederle Lanes to mow down a few pins is part of the regular agenda.

Another enjoyable activity for the children (not necessarily for the counselor!) is called ‘Counselor Torture.’ This is where the children pick a counselor and cover them in different types of food like pizza, ice cream, and other gooey food.

The camp counselors this summer hail from Iowa and they’ve been training for 16 weeks for this terrific opportunity. During the camp they’ll teach the children cooking skills, arts and crafts, games, songs, dances, and other fun activities. As in years past, all the counselors go by pseudonyms. This year they have animal names, e.g. Miss Boa, Mr. Liger, Miss Chinchilla, etc.

“There are 10 counselors and four interns working at our facility,” said Quan Williams, program assistant for School Age Services. “They go to school and are trained on different things, whether it’s songs, dance, sports, or other activities. They are then selected to go to places like Italy, Germany, or even Spain. For some of them this is their first tour, and for others their second or third.”

Williams also explained how a new program called “Adopt a Counselor” came about. For most counselors, this is their first trip overseas. Many of them might live solely on canned and boxed foods or maybe soup for the summer. For most, it’s a difficult transition from their regular civilian life to the military lifestyle.

As part of the “Adopt a Counselor” program a student’s family will adopt a counselor or an intern for the summer. They’ll do various things with them like having them over for dinner, giving them a tour around the city of Vicenza, or taking them shopping. This helps the counselor’s transition to living overseas go much more smoothly and their overall experience more enjoyable.

Camp Adventure counselor *Miss Boa* explained how Camp Adventure is an excellent opportunity to be able to visit different places and work with children who you wouldn’t normally come in contact with.

She feels that military children seem to have more maturity and more experience than those of civilian families.

“I have never worked with the military, so it is a different experience,” she said. “There are a lot of similarities between the military lifestyle and the civilian lifestyle, but there are also a lot of differences. For example, just walking down the street and seeing Soldiers, that is extremely new to me!”

Camp Adventure runs Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and parents can register their children to attend on a weekly basis or for the entire summer.



Top: From left: Camp Adventure counselors Miss Chinchilla, Miss Lama, and Mr. Liger lead the children in a song, before they break up into their different groups to do games and activities. The counselors don’t use their real names, instead, this year they are all named after animals. (Photo by Anna Vallery, Outlook staff)



Miss Chinchilla (right) and some of the Camp Adventure children make and decorate cards for their deployed parents in Afghanistan. (Photo by Katelyn O’Brien, Outlook volunteer)

## Names chosen for Caserma Ederle library lions

Anthony Galindo (right), age 8, and Kayleigh Lane, age 6, show off the stuffed lions they won as part of the ‘Name the Library Lions’ contest June 29. The children were presented with the prizes by Carmen Kamiya, spouse of Maj. Gen. Jason Kamiya, Combined Joint Task Force 76 commander, who is currently deployed to Afghanistan. Kayleigh submitted the name of “Lenora” and was selected as the first prize winner for a female lion name in her age category. Anthony submitted the name of “Leah” and was selected as the first prize winner for a female lion name in his age category. There were six other winners who were not able to be present for the award ceremony. Contest submissions were judged by Kamiya and Mareta Savusa, wife of Command Sgt. Maj. luniasolua Savusa, CJTF-76 Command sergeant major. Prizes were made possible through a partnership/ sponsorship with the Herman Miller Furniture Company. Lions were chosen as mascots for the Caserma Ederle Library because of the connection to the famous lions of the New York Public Library and the fact that a lion is the symbol of Saint Mark, patron of the Veneto (Photo courtesy of Linette Neal)



## Vicenza participates in Goodwill games



The Vicenza Athletics participated in the 2nd Annual American/Italian Goodwill Baseball tournament June 24-26 at Aviano Air Base. The games were put together by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Bruce Bond and James Becker at Aviano Air Base. “We wanted to extend out baseball season,” said Bond. “And we also wanted to develop better relations with our host country. For the past three years, I’ve traveled around the area with the team and we’ve always been treated like ‘Kings.’ Putting on this tournament was my way of saying thanks.” The Vicenza team consists of (top row, left to right): Sean Smith, James Littleton, Cody Betts, Cody Gryder, Phillip Wiehe, Timothy Sugherue, and coach Paul Smith. Bottom row, left to right: Chamar Smith, Kyle Littleton, Matthew Williams, Kyle Kaus, Larry Dixon, and Spencer Smith. (Photo courtesy of Allie Littleton)



# Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

### Feast of the Redeemer

This weekend, one of the best-loved Venetian feasts, the “Festa del Redentore” *the Feast of the Redeemer*, will celebrate the city’s redemption from a devastating plague in 1576.

That year, in a desperate attempt to ward off the worst, the Senate decreed that if the city were to be saved, a temple would be built in honor of Christ the Redeemer.

The city duly survived and the church of the Redentore was built as a result, with Palladio and Da Ponte being just two of the architects linked to its completion.

Since then, an annual pilgrimage has been held to commemorate Venice’s delivery from ruin, a tradition that Venetians are proud to continue today.

This year the festivities begin Saturday evening when hundreds of gaily-decorated boats gather in the Giudecca canal and in front of St. Mark’s.

The banks of the canals will be lined with the crowds of people who come to watch this display of lights and sounds, which culminates in a spectacular firework display over the water.

Traditionally, the night ends with all the boats going over to the Lido to await the sunrise.

On Sunday, the feast revolves around a solemn procession to the church of the *Redentore*, which lies on the island of *Giudecca*.

Temporary “votive” bridges are formed across the Grand Canal and the Giudecca canal to enable the faithful to reach the church.

There are also gondola regattas on the *Canale della Giudecca* from 4 p.m. onwards.

Check out the Web site: [www.turismovenezia.it](http://www.turismovenezia.it) for full details.

### Music under the stars

‘*Musica sotto le stelle*’ are open air concerts featuring all types of music.

The first is held Thursday in downtown’s main square when the orchestra and chorus of Vicenza, directed by Giuliano Fracasso together with four soloists: Sung Eum Kim *soprano*, Chiara Francasso *mezzo soprano*, Salvatore Cordella *tenor* and Luca Dall’Amico *basso* will perform.

Arias from Nabucco, Traviata,

Aida, Turandot and Don Giovanni will be included in the program.

The performance starts at 9:30 p.m. and entrance is free.

Other events include:  
Friday – Italian singer Elisa will perform in the same square.

July 19 – comedy show with Zelig Off in Monte Berico’s main square.

July 21 – singer Giorgia in the same square at Monte Berico.

July 22 – Francesco Renga in the main square downtown.

July 25 – ‘Festival Show 2005,’ in Viale Mazzini entrance is free.

July 29 – Ale&Franz in Monte Berico’s main square.

All performances start at 9:30 p.m. and tickets are required unless otherwise mentioned.

### Summer festival 2005

The town of Rosa’ presents its ‘*Festival D’Estate 2005*’ this month with events taking place in the amphitheater ‘Athena,’ located near the public swimming pool.

Thursday – Folk Concert at 9 p.m. with King Naat Veliov & The Original Kocani Orkestra from Macedonia.

July 23 Folk Music with ‘Uotidis?’ at 9:30 p.m. playing Celtic and Irish music and dance, and other venues.

Entrance fee is 4,50 Euro for the events.

### Visit a botanical garden

The world’s first botanical garden was created in Padova in 1545 and today it still preserves its original layout – a circular central plot, symbolizing the world, surrounded by a ring of water.

Other elements were added later some architectural, ornamental entrances and balustrades, pumping installations and greenhouses.

The garden, where you can see more than 6,000 plants, includes ponds with water lilies, cactus, ferns, and trees –some which date from 1585.

The garden is located near St. Antonio’s church, look for the sign ‘Orto Botanico.’ The garden is open everyday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Entrance fee is 4 Euro, but groups of 25 or more pay 3 Euro.

### Jumping championship

The European Jumping Championship takes place July 21-24 in Rimini’s San Patrignano equestrian facility.

Over 22 teams compete to earn the title of European Champion, currently held by Germany.

Speed, obstacles, jump-offs, against the clock and group competitions are spread over the three days of the event.

Full information in English and tickets from [www.sanpatrignano2005.org](http://www.sanpatrignano2005.org).

### Umbria Jazz 2005

The Umbria Jazz is happening in Perugia until Sunday.

Amongst the stars still to perform are Johnny Nocturne & Friends, Brooks Hubbert, Lonnie Smith Hammond Trio and the Crescent City Jazz Band.

The full program, including the free concerts, and tickets are online at [www.umbriajazz.com](http://www.umbriajazz.com).

### Upcoming concerts

Thursday: Joss Stone in Tarvisio, Udine.

July 16: Jethro Tull band in Mantova.

Aug. 4: ‘Footloose’ in Monte Berico’s square with a group of youngsters from the TV program ‘Amici’.

Sept. 9: Subsonica plays in Monte Berico’s square.

Nov. 3: Michael Bolton plays in Padova.

Nov. 25: Michael Buble’ plays in Padova.

Dec. 14: Simply Red in Padova.

### Great artists of the ‘900

An art exhibition being held in the *La Carceri Museum* in Asiago entitled ‘*I Grandi Maestri Della Pittura Del ‘900*,’ (Great Artists of the ‘900), is underway.

View paintings from Picasso to De Chirico, from Boccioni to Guidi, Warhol, Fontana, Veneto artists include Oppi, Martini, Birolli and Afro.

The museum is open Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-7 p.m., weekends 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

The entrance fee is 5 Euro.

The exhibition closes Sept. 15.

# Now Showing

### Caserma Ederle Theater

July 12	First Daughter (PG)	3 p.m.
	A Lot like Love (PG13)	
	7 p.m.	
July 13	Disney's Teacher's Pet (PG)	5 p.m.
	Amityville Horror (R)	7 p.m.
July 14	Closed	
July 15	Madagascar (PG)	7 p.m.
	The Interpreter (PG13)	10 p.m.
July 16	The Interpreter (PG13)	2 p.m.
	The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (PG)	7 p.m.
	Madagascar (PG)	10 p.m.
July 17	Madagascar (PG)	2 p.m.
	The Interpreter (PG13)	7 p.m.
July 18	Closed	
July 19	Harry Potter - Chamber of Secrets (PG)	3 p.m.
	Camp Darby Theater	
July 15	Monster-in-Law (PG13)	7 p.m.
July 16	Guess Who (PG13)	7 p.m.

### Movie Synopsis

**A LOT LIKE LOVE** - *Ashton Kutcher, Amanda Peet*. Oliver and Emily meet on a flight from Los Angeles to New York seven years ago, each declaring that they couldn’t be more wrong for each other. However, life keeps bringing them back together over the next seven years. As they struggle with their different partners, careers and breakups, they turn from casual acquaintances into trusted friends. As they each search for love, it takes seven years for Oliver and Emily to figure out that maybe what they really have is something....a lot like love.

**THE AMITYVILLE HORROR** - *Jimmy Bennett, Ryan Reynolds*. In 1974, police discovered the entire DeFeo family, all murdered by gunshots as they slept calmly in their beds. Ronald DeFeo confessed to methodically murdering his parents and four siblings, and claimed it was the “voices” that told him to do it. One year later, George and Kathy Lutz along with their three children moved into the house, thinking it was going to be their dream home. The Lutz family only lasted 28 days in their home after they were terrorized by a demonic force that drove them away. While this is a remake of the original, it’s still scary...because it’s true.

**THE HITCHHIKERS GUIDE TO THE GALAXY** - *Martin Freeman, Mos Def*. Earthman Arthur Dent is having a very bad day. His house is about to be bulldozed, he discovers that his best friend is an alien and to top things off, planet Earth is about to be demolished to make way for a hyperspace bypass. Arthur’s only chance for survival: hitch a ride on a passing spacecraft. Arthur sets out on a journey in which he finds that nothing is as it seems: he learns that a towel is just the most useful thing in the universe, finds the meaning of life, and discovers that everything he needs to know can be found in one book: The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy.

**THE INTERPRETER** - *Nicole Kidman, Sean Penn*. Silvia alleges that she has overheard a death threat against an African head of state, in an instant, Silvia’s life is turned upside down as she becomes a hunted target of the killers. Placed under the protection of federal agent Tobin, they must depend on one another, as the danger of a major assassination on U.S. soil grows. Silvia and Tobin play out a gripping dance of evasion and revelation that keeps them both guessing as they race to stop a terrifying international crisis before it’s too late.

**MADAGASCAR** - *Ben Stiller, Chris Rock*. Four residents of the New York’s Central Park Zoo : Alex the lion, Marty the zebra, Melman the giraffe , and Gloria the hippo have spent their whole lives living happily in a zoo. Then Marty falls in with a crowd of devious penguins, who bring him along in their escape attempt. When Alex realizes his friend is missing, he leads a company of critters on a search that takes them all outside the zoo for the first time. But before they know it, they’re captured, crated, and put on a ship traveling to Africa. An accident at sea, however, strands them on the shore of Madagascar. Having had humans take care of them their entire life, the four know nothing of surviving in the wild, or that one of them, the lion, is genetically predisposed to eat his three best friends.

**MONSTER-IN-LAW** - *Jennifer Lopez, Jane Fonda*. Unlucky in love, beautiful ‘Charlie’ has finally met the man of her dreams, Dr. Kevin Fields. There’s just one problem - his mother Viola. Overbearing and controlling, not to mention volatile, she has recently been canned from her job as a star news anchor. Fearing she will lose her son’s affections as she has her career, Viola decides to break up the happy couple by becoming the world’s worst mother-in-law. Helping her with her crazy schemes is Viola’s long-time assistant, Ruby. The gloves come off when Charlie finally decides to fight back and it looks like Viola has finally met her match.

Admission: Adults age 12 and over \$4, children \$2.  
The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time.  
Tickets to blockbuster shows are presold at Baskin Robbins.

# European Horse — Out & About with ITR —

**Friday from 5-10 p.m.: Medieval times show and dinner.** Fee of \$10 includes transportation and escort assistance. Children under three-feet tall get free transportation and entrance.

Tickets are available on the bus. Tickets costs with minimum of 30 people: adults 20 euro. Tickets costs with less than 30 people: adults 25 euro; children 15 euro

**Saturday from 6 a.m.-11 p.m.: St. Moritz and Bernina express.** Adults \$59; children ages 3-12 pay \$49, under age 3 free.

Includes transportation, one-way train ticket to St. Moritz and escort assistance. Minimum 35 paying adults.

**Sunday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.**

**Canevaworld Waterpark.** Fee of \$10 includes transportation and escort assistance. Tickets are available on the bus.

Ticket costs with minimum of 30 people; adults and children, 14 euro. Ticket cost with less than 30 people; adults 18 euro, children 15 euro. Children under three feet tall receive free transportation and entrance.

**July 20, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Beach Day in Sottomarina.** \$10 per person. Includes transportation and escort assistance.

**July 24, 6:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Innsbruck in the heart of the Alps.** Adults \$44; children 3-12 \$35, children under age 3 are free. Fee includes transportation, escort assistance, and entrance fees.

Minimum of 35 paying adults.

**July 24, 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Rice tasting in Verona.** Adults pay \$59; children ages 3-12 pay \$49. No charge for children under age 3. Fee includes transportation, escort assistance, lunch and guided tour. Must have at least 25 paying adults.

**July 30, 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Tuscany: Volterra and San Gimignano.** Adults pay \$45; children ages 3-12 pay \$35. No charge for children under age 3. Includes transportation, escort assistance, and guided tour. Minimum of 35 paying adults.

Call ITR at 634-7094 to sign up for these trips.





# Darby celebrates July 4th



The water balloon toss competition is always a very big attraction for the children at the American Beach.



Camp Darby began Fourth of July celebrations when the American Beach opened at 10 a.m. “There were games for everyone, as well a sand sculpture contest, a giant inflatable slide for children, and a clown who prepared balloon animals, everything was studied to entertain the people from the morning until the fireworks show began at 10 p.m.,” said Ernest Beezley, non-facility-based programmer and Outdoor Recreation director. “We had nothing but compliments.” This year, Camp Darby staged a spectacular fireworks display on a barge situated about 200 meters off shore. This offered a better view of the fireworks and a safer environment on the beach. Above: Eight teams participated in a volleyball tournament. At right a big mural was posted at the American Beach for participants to color in the words “2005 American Beach Independence Day Celebration.” About 2,500 people attended the activities. (Photos by William Carpenter, Marketing specialist, Camp Darby MWR.)

